



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 26, 2006

SUBJECT: EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE BEACHWALK II, SOUTH OF 5TH STREET TO SOUTH POINTE DRIVE

The City of Miami Beach is developing a series of bicycle/pedestrian/greenway projects to be known as the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN). The Atlantic Greenway Network is made up of two main trail systems; the Beach Corridors and the Neighborhood Trails. The Beach Corridors extend in a general northbound/southbound direction, running between the erosion control line and the dune system. The neighborhood trails extend in a general east-west as well as north-south directions through the south, middle, and north beach neighborhoods. Individual projects will be constructed to create a continuous trail network allowing for alternative transportation and community enhancement.

The Beachwalk II project will establish a southern link between Lummus Park and South Point Park. Beachwalk II will be a 0.6 mile (approximately 3,100 feet) path running north-south, west of the dune system and east of Ocean Drive. Beachwalk II will be developed in a "Greenway" or linear park setting to accentuate the area's natural resources, historical architecture and cultural heritage.

Additional objectives of the project includes physical improvements to:

- Support multimodal transportation
- Link bicycle and pedestrian destinations
- Increase pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Improve trail network connectivity
- Eliminate barriers that prevent bicycle trips
- Develop future bikeway corridors

This is a component of a City-wide initiative to increase pedestrian and bicycle facilities to offer residents alternative transportation choices in efforts to improve traffic flow.

I am considering appointing the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee for the RFQ:

- Tom Mooney, Planning Department, City of Miami Beach
- Jordanna Rubin, Environmental Resources Manager, City of Miami Beach
- Maria Echeverry, Transportation Manager, City of Miami Beach
- John Oldenburg, Parks Department, City of Miami Beach
- Gabrielle Redfern, CMB Bikeways Committee Member, Resident
- Melissa Keeley, South Beach Resident, Leadership Academy Graduate
- Tui Munday, South Beach Resident, Leadership Academy Graduate

If you have questions or require further information please contact me.


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